

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
ASHEVILLE DIVISION
Civ. No. 1:23-cv-00149-MOC

STEPHEN DEWAYNE TAYLOR,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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MARTIN J. O'MALLEY)
Commissioner of Social Security,)
)
Defendant.)

ORDER

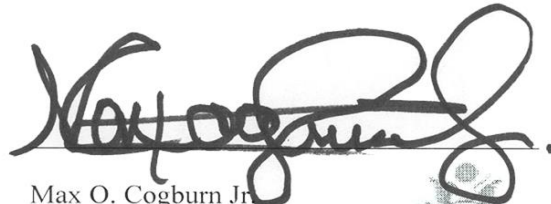
THIS MATTER is before the Court through a motion by Plaintiff, Stephen Dewayne Taylor, for an award of attorney's fees, expenses, and costs pursuant to the Equal Access to Justice Act. (Doc. No. 17) Defendant has consented to that motion. (Id. ¶ 11).

Upon review of the materials, the Court finds that Plaintiff's request for attorney fees is reasonable. The motion for attorney fees is **GRANTED**. It is hereby, **ORDERED** that Plaintiff, Stephen Dewayne Taylor, is awarded attorney fees in the amount of Three Thousand Seven Hundred Dollars and 00/100 Cents (\$3,700.00). Full or partial remittance of the EAJA award will be contingent upon a determination by the Government that Plaintiff owes no qualifying, pre-existing debt(s) to the Government.

If Plaintiff has no outstanding federal debt, the Commissioner may honor any EAJA assignment that Plaintiff may provide and make the check(s) payable to Plaintiff's counsel. However, if Plaintiff has an outstanding federal debt, the Commissioner will make the check(s) payable to Plaintiff directly and deliver the check(s) to the business address of Plaintiff's counsel. The amount of EAJA award payable to Plaintiff will be the balance of EAJA award remaining after subtracting the amount of Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt. This award will be paid

directly to Plaintiff, Stephen Dewayne Taylor, and sent to the business address of Plaintiff's counsel. If Plaintiff's outstanding federal debt exceeds the amount of the EAJA award approved pursuant to the Order, the amount of the EAJA award will be used to offset Plaintiff's federal debt and no EAJA award shall be paid.

Signed: March 22, 2024



Max O. Cogburn Jr.
United States District Judge